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Rosamond Gifford.

"Good-bye, mamma, and wish me good luck, please!"

'Good-bye, Rosamond; but, as for my wishes, they can't signify one way or the other. I'm nothing but a forlorn remnant of the olden time.'

Rosamond Gifford turned away from the cracked mirror in its frame of stained wood, and went smilingly out in the nipping November air—a tall, blooming damsel, with deep, brown eyes, and a lovely pink and white complexion whose black alpaca dress set off her fresh beauty, as an antique vase might relieve a cluster of full blossomed roses.

'Mamma,' said little Helen Gifford, as she put another shovelful of coals on the carefully husbanded fire, 'do you feel sorry that Rosa is going to work the sewing machine at the Exhibition?'

Mrs. Gifford withdrew behind her pocket handkerchief.

'Ah, child, it is well for you that you haven't my sensitive feelings!

'But, mamma, why shouldn't Rosa sew at the Exhibition fair, just the same as in the sewing machine room in Oxford street? Where's the difference, so long as they pay her for it?'

Mrs. Gifford shook her cap borders hysterically.

'I never thought to see the day when a Gifford should be compelled to work for a living—and to work in public, too! I only wish I had been dead and buried first?'

'Mamma, don't!' pleaded poor little Helen.

'It would have been a great deal better!' groaned Mrs. Gifford, 'I shouldn't have been in the way, with my old-fashioned ideas and notions, then! I hope Sir Walter Morton sleeps peacefully in his bed—that is all! I know I couldn't, if I cheated my cousin's children out of their inheritance!'

'But, mama, how was it Cousin Walter's fault, if the law gave him the estate, instead of us?'

'Law, indeed! Nonsense! When your poor dear papa always brought me up in expectation that some day Morton Place would be ours. And for him to step in—a selfish, domineering, heartless—'

'But, mama, darling, you have never seen him.'

'If he had had a solitary instinct of the gentleman about him, he would have invited us all to make our home at Morton Place for the rest of our days.'

Helen lifted her eyebrows shrewdly.

'If we had gained the lawsuit, mamma, I don't think you would have invited Cousin Walter to make his home at Morton.'

'Go and get your knitting, Helen said Mrs. Gifford, petulantly.

And Helen silently obeyed.

Pretty Rosamond Gifford cried a little under her veil, as she hurried along the streets, because her earnest efforts to gain a livelihood were so little appreciated by her mother; but it was nothing more serious than the sparkle of a summer shower, and when she entered the railed off compartment at the Exhibition, where her sewing machines stood, the sweet dimpling smile had come back to her lips once again.

'You're a little late this morning, Miss Gifford,' was the comment of her employer. 'Two or three people have inquired about the new patent attachment already.'

So Rosamond sat down, heart and hands alike occupied with the business of the hour, entirely unconscious that she herself was the prettiest object in the place.

Suddenly the sound of a gentleman's voice close to her ear made her start.

'See here, Morton; you are interested in this new improvement as you are going to supply the industrial schools at your place with sewing machines. It is really the best thing out.'

And Rosamond glancing up thro' her long eyelashes, saw a tall, well made gentleman, with bright, brown eyes, chestnut locks and a grave, pleasant mouth, and heard him introduced to her employer as 'Sir Walter Morton, of Morton Place, Staffordshire.'

The veritable Cousin Walter—the mysterious wonder of her youth and childhood—and Rosamond felt her heart throbbing a pulse or two faster, as the brown, clear eyes fell upon her face.

'Miss Gifford, will you be kind enough to run a strip of cloth thro' the machine? Then, sir, you will perceive the manifest improvement in this last attachment.'

But the stranger was looking, not at the little silver plate and the glancing wheel, but at the fair, flushed face which bent over them.

'Gifford!' he repeated, slowly, 'I have cousins by the name of Gifford.'

'And I am one of those cousins,' said Rosamond, courageously. 'There—you turn this screw a little, and it relieves the tension at once, there by improving the stitch; for—'

"Allow me to claim relationship, then;' and Sir Walter Morton frankly held out his hand. Rosamond hesitated an instant. Her mother would have haughtily repulsed the overtures of friendship; but she and her mother had always held different theories on the subject of Sir Walter Morton. So she put her hand in his.

'I am glad to meet you,' said Morton. 'I should have met you before, but a letter from your mother—'

'Yes,' said Rosamond, coloring deeply; 'I know how my mother feels. Shall I show you about the machines now?'

'Are you exhibiting them?'

'Yes, I am earning my own living.'

Morton's fine face lighted up.

'And I honor you for it. Yes, you may show me, if you please. I am just ordering a few for some schools I have established.'

And when Sir Walter Morton took his leave, the man of sewing machines came gleefully to Rosamond's side.

'Your cousin has ordered a dozen, Miss Gifford, I wish we had a few more customers like him.'

Sir Walter Morton came again the next day, to examine into one or two knotty points respecting the machinery and stayed until Rosamond got up to put on her shawl and bonnet.

'You are going home?' he asked.

'Yes; Miss Morrison takes my place in the evening,' she replied.

'But it is quite dark; you must let me see you home.'

Yes, but—my mother?'

Morton laughed. 'I comprehend. I am no special favorite with her—But I can preserve a prudent incognito. Let me be Mr. Walters.'

And Rosamond, who really was a little timid concerning that long lonely walk in the dusk, and who was beginning to like and trust her new-found relative, consented.

Mrs. Gifford received the new comer with stately dignity.

'I'm sure I'm very happy to meet you sir,' she said. "Any friend of Rosamond's will always be welcome to me, and I only wish I could receive you in a more fitting manner. We have not always been what we are—nor should we be now if law and justice were anything but mere meaningless names."

"Indeed!" said Morton, smiling curiously, while Rosamond felt as if her face were all on fire.

"No, sir," said Mrs. Gifford, the bows on her lace cap quivering with the emphasis she used. "If we had our rights, we should have been the Giffords of Morton Place, and my daughter Rosamond, instead of exhibiting sewing machines, would have been sitting in silks and velvets. But we have been deprived of our rightful inheritance by a fiend in human shape, named Walter Morton. Perhaps you have heard of the great lawsuit?"

"I think I have a faint recollection of it," said Mr. Walters, gravely.

"Mamma," interrupted Rosamond, in a voice of distress, "these—these family matters cannot be interesting to a stranger, and—"

"Excuse me!" said Mrs. Gifford, drawing herself up primly. "Of course, I am in the wrong—I always am—only it isn't exactly pleasant to be told of it by my own daughter!"

"Mamma, you know I didn't mean that!"

But Mrs. Gifford declined to be propitiated on any terms, and sat stiff and prim the remainder of the evening, full of unspoken reminiscences of "the great lawsuit."

"He will never come near us again," was Rosamond's regretful thought," as she laid her flushed cheeks on the pillow that night, with little Helen's fragrant breath mingling with her own.

But Rosamond was mistaken. Mr. Walters did come again, the very next evening; and again, and yet again!

"You are looking pale, Miss Gifford," he said, the last time.

"It is one of the misfortunes of our reduced station in life," Mrs. Gifford sighed, "that Rosamond is obliged to lead a too sedentary life."

"A little walk would bring the roses back to your cheek," said Mr. Walters. "It is a lovely moonlight night. Will you come?"

Mrs. Gifford nodded her sanction; and Rosamond put on the tartan shawl and the little round hat with the red-bird's wing in front, and slipped her arm through that of her cousin.

"Rosamond," said Sir Walter Morton, after they had walked a little way in silence, "the Exhibition closes to-morrow."

"Yes," said she regretfully.

"And with it closes your work?"

"Yes, I wish I could hear of some new engagement."

Morton drew her arm closer in his.

"I know of one, Rosamond, but I don't exactly know whether it would suit you."

"What is it?"

"I want to engage you, Rosamond, —to be my wife."

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Mrs. Gifford had looked up at the clock half a dozen times, true to her instinct of always worrying about something, before Rosamond came back.

"Child!" she croaked, "do you see what time it is? Where is Mr. Walters?"

"He would not come in. He is coming to see you to-morrow, mamma."

"To see me! What for?"

"Mamma, he has asked me to marry him."

"He is a most gentlemanly person, my dear," said Mrs. Gifford smiling and bridling. "I shall consent with the greatest pleasure."

"You like him, then, mamma?"

"Certainly I do."

"Then, mamma, I may venture to tell you that he is our cousin, Walter Morton; that I shall be the mistress of Morton Place, and that you will reign in very truth, in the halls of our ancestors, you have spoken about so often."

And she laughed and cried, both in one breath, upon the old lady's neck.

"Bless my soul!" said Mrs. Gifford, dropping her spectacle case and cracking the lenses right across.

But she made no objection to the "fiend in human shape," and Miss Rosamond Gifford soon took to herself another "local habitation and name."

SASSAFRAS OIL.—The sassafras oil trade has been ruined in this section by the people who make and sell it to our merchants. It is being adulterated with Kerosene Oil, which mixes with the Sassafrass, and the odor of the latter destroys the former so that it cannot be discovered. One of our merchants has between five and six hundred pounds of this adulterated oil in New York, for which he can find no sale. It is to be regretted that our merchants are forced to have no confidence in those from whom they have to buy. This discovery has ruined the oil business. The penny-royal trade was ruined in the same way last Summer.

Time will only hang up his scythe when he has no mower.

DEAD-LETTERS.

For the year 1877 more than four millions of dead letter were received by the post office department. For the handling of this immense number fifty-nine females and twenty-nine males are employed. It is an easy matter to talk about millions of letters, but when it is understood that each particular one has to be separated, handled, marked, inspected and the majority opened and returned to the writer, the magnitude of the work can be imagined, if not appreciated. When a letter is mis-directed or the postage has not been prepaid it is sent by the postmaster immediately to the dead letter office, with the other letters which have not been called for. Here they are opened by the men who sit at long tables in the large, cheerful room. If anything valuable is contained in them they are handed over to another division, where the contents are registered and placed in a large safe for future redemption. If there is nothing in them of value they are sent up stairs, where the women inspect them, and if the address of the writer is found the letter is inclosed to the person by whom it was written. If the letter has been held for postage a circular is sent to the person to whom it is addressed, informing him that there has been received at the dead letter office a letter directed to him which will be forwarded upon receipt of the necessary postage. To this circular the department receives many very funny replies. If no response is made within thirty days it is treated as an ordinary dead letter.

The great amount of money passing continually through the mails can be imagined when out of the dead letters alone, a small percentage, over $50,000 in money and more than $1,500,000 in drafts and commercial paper was taken within the last year All but about $5,000 of this has been returned to the writers. A great share of this comes from the mis- or non-direc'ed letters. People seem to be so intent on what goes into the letter that they forget the superscription. It is a sad thought when one reflects upon the vast amount of suffering in many cases that comes from this neglect. Here, for instance, is an illustration, an exact copy of a letter received at the office not long since:

"My dear Mag—I received your very wilkim letter, ye-tu-lay it gave me grate ese of mind to here that you are well as this leaves me in at present, thank God!"

The writer then adds a sad story of disappointment and disaster, and finishes by saying: "I send you ten dollars fot you need it more than I do."

Poor Mag! The ten dollars for which she has longed and waited has gone into Uncle Sam's rich purse—not from choice, but from necessity. Foreign letters are treated in a very diplomatic manner, and are in all cases returned across the water without being opened. America seems to be a perfect geographical enigma to foreigners when they direct letters to friends here. They mix all the States and cities up in one grand mess, and then put a considerable amount of the mixture on each letter. For instance, one address reads as follows: "Ole Anderson, Rockaway citi Pa North America, New York." Who will undertake to forward that letter? And yet the dwellers across the sea probably make no more mistakes of this kind than Americans, for how many of us fully understand all the geographical localities of the minor cities and provinces of Germany or Sweden, or, in fact, any country on the continent?

In the gallery there are seated forty or fifty women, whose business it is to return the letters in official envelopes to writers, when their addresses can be found. Every day huge sacks which go forth from that place crammed with letters show the amount of work which the women do. One handsome young lady is kept busy all the day in stamping the envelopes, and she does it with lightning rapidity. It is said that these women are the best readers of bad writing in the country, and it is not to be wondered at when one sees some of the specimens of their work. The average lady reader probably will say that it must be "too funny for anything" to be continually reading other people's love letters; but even gold tarnishes with much handling; so it is with reading other folks' letters when it has to be done at the rate of from twenty to fifty an hour, day after day and month after month.

A few months ago an application was received for a letter which had a famous history. Forty-two years ago it missed its destination and landed in the dead letter office. No call was made for it, and there it remained in the archives till the descendants of the writer, wishing to prove their right to this property, obtained from old journals the information that the deed had been mailed at such a time to such a person, but had never reached its destination. They then made application to the department for the letter. The odds were so greatly against them that their surprise must have been boundless when the old yellow document was returned to them just as it had been mailed over forty years ago.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

[Baltimore Sun.]

The fact that a New York lady, Miss Susan Dickie, has been shut up in a lunatic asylum of that State for six years, and has at last been declared sane by an intelligent jury, on the overwhelming proofs of experts and others who testified that she was of perfectly sound mind and had never given the slightest indication of insanity, suggests a dismal possibility that officials appointed to ascertain the question of insanity are incompetent or dishonest. Miss Dickie was thirty-nine years old when she was sent to the Bloomingdale Asylum, and the interest in her case appears to have been awaked by the recent publication of the will of her father, who died last autumn, and left her one-sixth of the income of his estate, which was valued at $900,000. Miss Dickie was brought into court, and conducted her own case without counsel. She showed the greatest clearness and accuracy in reply to all questions. Medical experts, who had thoroughly examined her case, and former friends, so conclusively established her sanity that the commissioners and jury unanimously concurred in ordering her release. Yet her own family, asylum officials and four physicians sought to keep her in a lunatic asylum, where she has been for six years, and the only wonder is that her imprisonment did not make her a lunatic. The passion for money seems capable of leading to any crime. The most effective safeguards should be adopted to prevent such horrors as this. Indeed there is no better field for true philanthropy than the unsleeping supervision of all public institutions, whether lunatic asylums, poor houses, prisons, &c., for there are examples in one and all that the greatest abuses may be practiced unless they are regularly and systematically watched. The case of Miss Dickie, however, is still before a New York court, on a motion to confirm the verdict of the jury declaring her to be sane. The motion is opposed by a sister of Miss Dickie. Counsel for the sister moved to set aside the finding of the jury, mainly on the ground that its finding was inconsistent in finding Miss Dickie sane and yet recommending that a guardian of her property, some one not of her family, be appointed. If she was sane, counsel argues, the court had no power to appoint a guardian. She must either choose her own business agent, contrary to the verdict, or it must be set aside. Her family did not ask to confine her, but, for safety of themselves and others dealing with her property, asked another commission. The Judge reserved his decision.

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The Dead of February, 1878.

[From the New York World.]

The necrology of February, 1878, presents fully as many distinguished names as were to be found on the lists for January. Among the deaths recorded are those of Pius IX., Cardinal Godefroi Brossais Saint Marc, Alexander Duff, the great promoter of Indian mission enterprises, and the Rev. Dabney Ball, one of the most distinguished members of the Methodist E. Church South. Among the devotees of science who have gone are Father Pietro Secchi, the great Jesuit astronomer, of Italy; Fries, the Scandinavian botanist; Claude Bernard, the creator of experimental physiology, and Professor Albert Smith, of Dartmouth, the eminent medical instructor. From the domain of art have gone Cruikshank, the caricaturist; Daubigny, successor to Corot in French landscape-painting; Schuler, the Alsacian artist; Antigny, a clever pupil of Paul Delaroche; Allen Despreaux, the actor, and Carlo de Blasis, the dancer and ballet composer. From lists of statesman and politicians are dropped the names of an ex-Secretary of War, Charles M. Conrad, and ex-Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles; of ex-Congressmen, Charles S Lewis and Meyer Strouse; of Earl Bathurst, and of Mr. Townsend Harris, ex-Minister to Japan. Two American Jurists are dead—Judge Alexander S. Johnson, of the Federal Court, and Geo. W. Paschall of Texas. Finally we may add *en bloc* the names of William Walsh, Theodore Roosevelt, John F. Tracy, one of the best known of Western railway managers. Don Augustin Edwards, in wealth the Chilian Meiggs; Pilot Commissioner Robert Lenox Taylor, Joseph W. Alsop and Charles M. Congreve, and, rounding the list with James A. Valentine and "Dan" Berrien, whose death recalled the early career of the Boss, fairly claim that during the shortest month of the year death loved and frequently attained a shining mark.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

A strange case of sudden restoration to life occurred recently in Brookly, and the doctors are puzzled to know what to make of it.—A man there died, for no other reason, seemingly, than that he was too poor to live. His heart-broken wife saw him decently laid out, and went forth to beg money enough to pay for burying him. A lady teacher in one of the public schools went to the house of mourning, where she found the corpse lying on a bed, covered with a sheet, his chin supported by a handkerchief tied at the top of his head, and his lack-luster eyes weighed down by two old-fashioned coppers. The lady, touched by the grief of the newly made widow, contributed liberally toward the burial expenses and retired; but before reaching the street she missed her muff, and returned hurriedly to the chamber of death in search of it. As she entered she heard a voice, as from the tomb, saying: 'Ole 'oman, if you'll jest hump yourself right lively this here dead husband business is gwine to pay purty tolerable damn well, you bet.' And there, sitting up in bed, were the 'remains,' counting their money! The mere presence of a few dollars in the house had brought back the poor husband to life. But, hearing somebody drop a casual remark touching the police, the now happy couple hastily removed from the neighborhood.

TWO MORE WORLDS DISCOVERED.—WASHINGTON, March 2.—Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution, reports that Professor Foerster, of Berlin, announces the discovery by Polisa of a planet of the eleventh magnitude in eleven hours two minutes right ascension, six degrees north declination, with a daily motion of eight minutes north.—Also, that Professor Peters, of Clinton, announces the discovery of a planet of the tenth magnitude in ten hours forty-three minutes right ascension, eleven degrees fifty minutes north declination, with a daily motion north.

Those only deserve a monument who do not need one.

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SALEM, N. C.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1878.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to this office, by *note* or *account*, would confer a special favor by calling and settling, as we need money.

THE RALEIGH OBSERVER.—Peter Wilson, Esq., Reading Clerk of the Senate, now fills the position of City Editor of the *Observer*, in place of the late Capt. Woodson.

CAROLINA FARMER for March is a capital number, now before us. This is the 7th number of the new series, all of which are fully equal to any publications of the kind. Published by Wm. H. Bernard, Wilmington, N. C. at $1.50 a year.

DEATH OF JUDGE BIGGS.—This distinguished gentleman died in Norfolk, Va., last week. He was a North Carolinian, had represented this State in U. S. Senate, and was an honored and able Judge. Since the war he was engaged in the commission busines in Norfolk.

THE POOR-HOUSE AGAIN.—The reader is referred to another communication, in this issue, from Dr. Babnson. That the agitation of this subject will have a beneficial effect, ultimately, no one doubts. If all the necessary improvements for the convenience and comfort of the unfortunate poor cannot be supplied at one, let it be done gradually.—We are satisfied that there is room for considerable improvement in the premises.

THE EUROPEAN CONGRESS.

Active preparations are now going on in Europe for the coming Congress of the nations of the European continent. The war between Russia and Turkey is certainly over, but the European troubles may still be far from the end.

We, of the American continent, can little imagine what it really is to be so situated as are the powers of Europe. With no barriers to protect one nation from another save their standing army, we cannot wonder that they are so jealous when a great question, such as the possession of Turkey, is at stake. The ultimate result of this Assembly or Congress, will probably be peace, though the preliminaries may not be finished without serious difficulty. Russia, it seems, has put her war claims at the minimum, and therefore the Congress will not be able to legislate much if anything on that point. The vital questions, therefore, to be brought before the assembled representatives, will be the opening of the Dardanelles, and similar topics.

It is reported that England is as restless as ever, and Austria in a not much better condition. During a recent speech made by a prominent English official, the remark was made in the assembled Congress the minority would by no means be bound by the majority. This would seem to indicate the position she was intending to take, promised to be different from that of the other nations. Greece seems to be a topic of discussion, and if England is frustrated in her object to make more lenient the Russian war claims, it is reported that she will probably rush to the other extreme and advocate such measures as will force Turkey to look to Russia as her most lenient neighbor after all. During this ferment of the other nations, Germany looks coolly on, and is in reality master of the situation, and probably will have more power in bringing about a satisfactory and just solution of the difficulty than any of the other powers.

The present aspect of the entire affair is one of great interest to us in America, in case enough time is taken to study the situation from day to day. But to a casual and irregular reader of the news, the whole thing presents a tangled and uninteresting appearance,—so little are we accustomed to the diplomatic wire-pulling of our neighbors beyond the ocean.

SNOW AND FLOWERS.

It is rather hard for us, who are already surrounded by beautiful spring flowers and with the various trees in early bloom, to realize that some sections of our country are even now being troubled with a deep and destructive snow storm. Yet such is really the case. On Wednesday last, when first the trees were becoming noticeably green with us, and the sun was so warm that one almost wished for the shade, the western states and territories were visited by a storm of snow such as has seldom visited that section since the construction of the Union Pacific Rail Road. The storm spread over a space of 500 miles, from Green River, Wyoming, to North Platte, Nebraska, and not only caused detention of the trains, but even loss of life and destruction of property. It is reported that it was almost certain death to leave dwelling houses during its prevalence. Two soldiers in endeavoring to travel a distance of three miles were frozen. Other persons who succeeded in reaching shelter had their feet so badly frozen that they will probably loose them. One man is reported to have lost a flock of 10,000 sheep by their being frozen. The cuts on the railroads were all completely filled, but the latest dispatches state that the track is once more cleared, and that during the detention of trains, passengers were well provided for, and no suffering resulted.

Again we repeat that we feel some difficulty in reconciling such accounts with the appearances of Spring around us.

A BOLD ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

We were recently somewhat surprised at an attempt to steal a locomotive from our depot, and thought at the time that the young negro showed rather poor taste in selecting the article to be stolen. The stealing of millions from the treasuries of states or cities, and of thousands of dollars from the vaults of banks by defaulting cashiers, is becoming monotonous in our day. But it was something of a surprise to read an account of an attempt recently made to steal an entire vessel with its cargo of coffee and hides. This attempt was made however.

The *Alexis* came to Baltimore not long since, and a man by the name of J. T. Kinnear represented that he wished to dispose of her cargo. The vessel was from Porto Cabello, Venezuela. There being some irregularity in the papers, suspicion was aroused, and soon the telegraph was flashing back and forth, and later revelations confirmed the previous suspicions. The man Kinnear had declared an advancement of $60,000 on the cargo, but secured only $1,000. The trick beginning to leak out all the parties decamped, and the vessel now lies at Baltimore awaiting identification. It has been ascertained that the consignment of coffee and hides was to Hamburg, Germany, and that the vessel was insured in companies there for $92,000. The owners will doubtless be able to secure their property without much expense, as the cargo has not been disturbed.

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESSIONAL.

HOUSE—Robbins, of North Carolina, from the Ways and Means Committee, reported a substitute for the bill to promote the deposit of savings in the treasury, and refunding of the national debt, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The bill provides that for the purpose of refunding the outstanding six per cent. bonds into bonds bearing a lower rate of interest, any person may deposit at any postal money-order office lawful money of the United States, in sums not less than one dollar, and shall be entitled to receive therefor a postal money-order on the the treasury, and that when such money-orders shall be presented at the treasury in Washington city, they shall be entered to the credit of the depositors, and when such deposits amount to the sum of $50 they shall, at the option of the depositor, be convertible into 4 per cent bonds.

In the United States House of Representatives, Tuesday, a report was presented showing that the number of Chinese in the Pacific States is not less than 150,000; that in the cities one hundred Chinese will occupy a room that would not accommodate five workingmen with their families. The report depicts their immoralities as loathsome in the extreme, rendering them most undesirable members of society. Wherever they locate property depreciates in value, and their habits are so filthy as to render sanitary precautions futile.

This is the picture drawn by the enemies of the Chinese, and calls to mind the fable about the picture of the lion crouching at the feet of the man. When the picture was shown to the Lion, he said grimly, "if the lion had made the picture, the man would have been crouching at the lion's feet.

Mardi Gras.

In New Orleans the triumphant march of the King of the Carnival was a brilliant spectacle. His followers reveled in fantastic forms, illustrative of the heroes of mythology, including thirty groups. The Mystik Krewe of Komus appeared in the procession last night: the characters, occupying twenty-one cars illustrating Metamorphoses of Ovid. The Mardi Gras festivities concluded last night with a grand Rex reception at the Exposition Hall, and masked balls throughout the city. The weather was clear and pleasant. The day was regarded as a holiday. There were no markets.

A dispatch from Memphis says: Never in the history of the carnival here has a brighter day dawned for the votaries of the King of Misrule. During the day visitors and citizens amused themselves watching the crowds of maskers in every conceivable costume, but as evening drew on the crowded streets presented for many blocks a solid mass of surging humanity, seeking positions to witness the crowning glory of the carnival, the gorgeous pageant of Memphi, which this year startled even those who had witnessed its triumphs heretofore by the gorgeousness and perfection with which the subject was handled.—The theme chosen was Myths, illustrating the myths of the south, Greece and those of Norseland or Scandinavia.—There were seventeen tableaux. A grand ball closed the carnival.

In St. Louis Mardi Gras was celebrated last night without any concerted programme. The streets were full of maskers and spectators, and there were a half dozen different processions, but none on the extreme scale of more southern cities. The masquerade balls in progress last night were almost innumerable.

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The Pension Law.

The bill that has just passed Congress, and that goes into effect at once, grants pensions to all surviving officers, and enlisted and drafted men, without regard to color, including militia and volunteers, of the military and naval service of the United States, who served for fourteen days in the war with Great Britain of 1812, or who were in any engagement and were honorably discharged, and the surviving widows of such officers, and enlisted, and drafted men. The honorable lack of certificate of discharge will not deprive the applicant under this act from its benefits, provided other proof can be made of service. This bill also places on the pension rolls any widow of a revolutionary soldier who served fourteen days or was in any engagement, and it justly, after long delay, restores to the pension roll all soldiers heretofore receiving pensions, who fought in the war against Great Britain of 1812, or in any of the Indian wars, but who by an act of Congress were dropped from the pension rolls for taking up arms against the Government "or in any manner encouraging the rebels." It also provides for the widows of such soldiers whose names had not been placed on the rolls as provided for in the bill, putting in a claim for the pension for which their husbands had been cut off.

State News.

Knoxville *Tribune* reports forty-five winter guests at the N. C. Warm Springs from Michigan and other States of the North-West, and more daily arriving.

NOT DROWNED.—Rev. Charles H. Phillips, of the N. C. Conference, is not drowned as was reported in the papers.

Last week a little daughter of Reuben Grimes, while playing in the mill, got her leg in the smutter shaft, where it was frightfully mangled.—*Record.*

There has been a rich vein of copper struck in two places, near Gold Hill. Mr. Young tells us that he has got his steam gold mill started near Beattie's Ford in Lincoln county. He is now prepared for rapid operation, and with good prospects of success. — *Concord Register.*

The chicken dispute which is to take place in Charlotte, on the 9th of April, between North Carolina and Georgia, will be one of the greatest that ever came off in the South.

Tournaments are all the rage up the Carolina Central Railroad. They have one every two or three days at some point along the line.—*Charlotte Observer.*

Two convicts at work on the Fayetteville & Western Railroad, attempted to escape, as we learn from the *Gazette*; one was shot dead, his head being blown almost to pieces, while the other was wounded in the wrist and recaptured.

DEAD.—Hon. Asa Biggs died suddenly in Norfolk, on the 6th inst. He had held many places of trust in North Carolina during former years, and at one time represented the State in the U. S. Senate.

General News.

Leading members of Congress prophesy that the present session of that body will last till August. Both Houses are further behind with routine of business than was ever known in any preceding Congress.

There are 125 species of grass known to be native in Maine, and it is thought a survey would discover half as many more. Fifty kinds have a high agricultural value. The grass crop of the State is said to be worth $42,000,000 annually.

Texas produces more cotton than any other State in the Union. Its crop in 1876–'77 was 735,000 bales; that of Mississippi 639,000 bales, which was the next highest. Arkansas was the next in quantity with 390,000 bales.

The number of vessels belonging to or bound to or from American ports, which were lost during February was 48, the value of the lost vessels, exclusive of their cargoes, being estimated at $835,000. There were wrecked two steamers, (one of them the Metropolis,) one ship, fourteen barks, three brigs, and twenty-eight schooners.

LIBERIA.—The Board of Managers of the Philadelphia Colonization Society have authorized the American Colonization Society to send fifty emigrants to Liberia, at the expense of the former organization. The expedition will leave about May 1, and will locate at the settlement of Brewerville, named in honor of the late Charles Brewer, Esq., of Pittsburg. The emigrants are to be selected by Wm. Coppinger, Esq., of Washington, D. C., corresponding secretary of the American Colonization Society.

The farmers have not been slow to take advantage of the exceptionally favorable weather with which we have been blessed up to this time this year.—Plowing has been done since early in January with but few interruptions, and the preparations for crops of corn and oats are greatly advanced. The wheat fields look almost like May, and vegetation generally is at least four weeks earlier than is usual at this season of the year. A large farmer in Orange informs us that his wheat is so luxuriant that he had turned one thousand head of stock upon it to graze it down.—*Fredericksberg (Va.) Star, 13th.*

EMIGRATION FROM THE WEST TO THE SOUTH.—The newly begun emigration of farmers from Indiana, Illinois and Iowa to Mississippi and Texas is attracting much attention in the West. The movement is becoming very general, and thousands are going in colonies of from ten to a hundred families. Associations and committees are formed, agents are sent to select places for settlement, and the emigration follows. The inducements offered are, land of surpassing richness for comparatively small price, excellence of climate, and cheap negro labor. The price of a hundred acres of Indiana land will purchase twelve or fifteen hundred in Texas or Northern Mississippi. These new elements must do much toward shaping the future of the South.

For the Press.

OUR COUNTY POOR.

[THIRD LETTER.]

For directing the attention of the people of Forsyth County to the condition of the Poor-House, without first consulting them, my course is denounced by the County Commissioners as "unbecoming and ungenerous." My conscience approves both the motives and manner of my action. I am not conscious of having any quarrel with the Commissioners, unless it be of their own seeking. I know they occupy, not only one of the most difficult and responsible, but also one of the worst paid and most thankless of the public offices, which are facetiously styled "the gift of the people." Since they ask the question, I will state one reason why I did not long ago recommend to them the changes which are needed at the Poor-House. I have never been employed as physician at the Poor-House, and until recently, when I have several times gone with the visiting physician to see patients there, (for which the county has paid me nothing, and owes me nothing), I knew of its condition only what others told me. I distinctly remember to have heard both Dr. Zevely and Dr. Keehln declare, that during their term of service there, they had suggested to the Commissioners the necessity for the enlargement of the buildings, &c. If their representations failed to effect a change, how could I hope that my efforts would meet with success?

I am by no means ready to follow the example of the Commissioners, and say of either of the Grand Juries, which have recently inspected the Poor-House, both of which were composed of "as respectable men as Forsyth County affords," that "their report must either be false, (although made under oath), or else they did not have sense enough to make a report." Let us compare the two reports, both of which have been published in this paper. The one consists of a few lines of sheer generalities, and closes with an admission that the Grand Jury which made it, regarded the examination as a mere form. "All *seemed* to be well cared for." The other, by its careful enumeration of facts, and detailed specifications, shows upon its face the painstaking character of the investigation upon which it is based. I do not see any positive conflict between the two reports, but the manifest difference which does exist, points out the necessity of our abandoning the too general custom of regarding official investigations under oath, in the light of an empty formality. As to the charge, &c., I induced the Grand Jury of the Inferior Court to sign a report gotten up by me, with an intimation that this report is not a true statement of facts, I am sure that the Board of Commissioners will hasten to retract their words, when they consider that this assertion is either an uncalled for reflection upon the common sense of the Jury, or an accusation of one of the greatest crimes on the calendar, viz: perjury.

I agree with the Commissioners in considering "the clergy of Salem and Winston to be men of as high moral character, intelligent, pious, and devoted to the cause of their Master, as any set of men in the State, and believe that they would neglect no *known* duty." It was with a view of directing the attention of religious people generally, (for "how shall they preach, except they be sent."—Rom., 10: 15.) to the want of religious instruction at the Poor-House, that I wrote, "within almost hearing distance of more than half a dozen church bells, to these twenty-seven miserable creatures, the Gospel has been carried but four times in twelve months, &c." I give the clergy credit for too much sense to be offended at a statement which was published to afford information in regard to facts, of which I presumed them and others to be ignorant.

Because the report of the Grand Jury of the Inferior Court states that it is impossible at such a distance from any physician to obtain proper medical attention for the sick at the Poor-House, without enormous expense to the county, the Commissioners ask, "why should this cause an enormous expense? They, the physicians, should act upon the principles of the good Samaritan, &c." Perhaps the Commissioners will be kind enough to inform us in what part of the parable it is even intimated that the good man journeyed all they way from Samaria, for the express purpose of ministering to the wants of the unfortunate creature, whom he succored.

It is surely not necessary for me to reiterate the arguments in favor of erecting a hospital for the sick poor. It was never my expectation to impose a tax for this purpose, upon the already overtaxed people of Forsyth County, and the Commissioners are not justified in their (mis-)calculation by any thing contained in my article—and still less by a conversation I had with their Chairman a few weeks ago, upon the subject.—Then he appeared to think the hospital scheme a good one, which could be carried out without expense to the county, and now he talks about its costing the county $8,000! In my article I suggest, that the money annually expended by the Commissioners, to assist the *sick* poor in their own homes, would go far towards defraying the expense of such an institution. If they will read the rest of the paragraph, they will see that I ask no more from the county funds. Would the taxpayers be the losers, if the recipients of this money were properly cared for in a hospital, instead of suffering for want of attention in their own homes, or in the Poor-House? In this connection, I desire to direct public attention to the following additional facts:

On the occasion of the visit of the Grand Jury of the Inferior Court, I was requested, by the keeper of the Poor-House, to examine a negro man who had been brought there the week before, whom he believed to be 'possessuming,' and had a notion to give a good brushing, and set him to work. I found pneumonia developed in one lung, and beginning in the other. The keeper appeared unconvinced, and the physician now in attendance at the Poor-House, was never informed of the poor fellow's condition, until I, having accompanied him last week to see another patient, directed his attention to the case. He was then barely alive.

A short time ago, the same physician was called by the keeper to see three patients, all of whom he found in a dying condition. Two of them had been sick for some time, but the keeper had not considered it necessary to send for the physician. Another physician, who had been called to attend a case at the Poor-House, the Commissioners refused to compensate for subsequent visits which he deemed necessary, but which were not authorized by the keeper.

I do not mean to say that the present keeper is unfit for his place, but I decidedly question the propriety of submitting such grave responsibilities to his discretion.

One more glance into the "nigger kitchen" before I close. A few weeks ago a child was born in this place—coming into the world at the head of the beds of two sick men, mentioned in the report of the Grand Jury. Perhaps it may be well to add, that in none of its details, was this an unusual occurrence.

This concludes my testimony, as the Commissioners are pleased to term it.—I have purposely left unanswered many points in the article of the Commissioners, for I see no object in multiplying words, to contradict assertions or explain misconceptions, which are totally irrelevant to the question under discussion. In view of the facts which I have brought to their notice—facts, which have not yet been nor ever can be disproved,—I desire to ask the people of Forsyth County, and more especially my fellow citizens of Winston and Salem:—Will we have done our whole duty to the suffering and sick poor in our county, when we have made the few improvements in the way of light and ventilation, which the Commissioners concede to be needed at the Poor-House? To what I have written in this and preceding communications, I am ready to testify under oath, whenever it may be necessary. In what I have done it has at no time been my intention to wound any one's feelings, and still less has malice or ill-will dictated my action. In my opinion, the Commissioners do themselves injustice, when they put themselves upon the defensive, by assuming the entire responsibility for the disgraceful condition of the Poor-House. I still believe it is a matter in which we are all personally concerned, and in which, to our own discredit, we have heretofore taken too little interest.

In conclusion, I may surely express the belief, that never again will our neglect approach so near to criminality as is indicated by the disclosures I have felt it my duty to make public.

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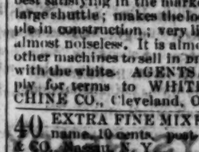

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FEMALES. DR. MARCHISI'S UTERINE CATHOLICON will positively cure Female Weakness, such as Falling of the Womb, Whites, Chronic Inflammation or Ulceration of the Womb, Incident al Hemorrhage or Flooding, Painful, Suppressed and Irregular Menstruation, &c. An old reliable remedy. Send postal card for a pamphlet, with treatment, cures, and certificates from physicians and patients, to HOWARTH & BALLARD, UTICA, N. Y. Sold by all Druggists—$1.50 per bottle.

5000 Agents Wanted to sell Popular Books, and all the best selling novelties. $5 to $10 a day. W. R. BURGESS, Mount Hope, N. C.

The People's Press.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1878.

JOB PRINTING, OF *every description done at this Office, in First Class Style and at reasonable rates.*

LOCAL ITEMS.

An excitement of the past—the "bar."

Eggs only market for 8 and 10 cents a dozen.

Flat Rock School Exhibition comes off Saturday.

To-Day, according to the almanacs, Spring commences. Day and night are also equal.

The Youngsters are panic stricken over the adornment of coat lapels with bouquets of Spring flowers.

Scrap Picture Ornaments for decorating Pottery
At the Salem BOOKSTORE.

Miss Gertie Hall took her departure for Wilmington, Freday morning, visiting friends and relatives in that city.

Scales.—Mr. David Spaugh is erecting a hay scale on Main Street, opposite his grocery.

Among some of the young men a move has been made to start a Club for Shakesperian readings.

The District School at Jack's Temple closed with a public entertainment last Saturday.

A new-fangled notion of ridding new ground of stumps, at little cost, is the use of powder and drill.

Farabee has announced a "sociable" for his colored friends at his place of meeting, Thursday.

The imitation of ancient pottery, so tastily and deftly executed by some, is styled *keramic ware.*

Reuben Chitty at present fills the position of Reading Room janitor in place of S. G. Fogle, resigned.

And now the followers of Sir Isaac Walton can be seen perched along the creek banks, waiting far a nibble.

Miss E. S. Zevely is visiting relatives and friends in Raleigh.

See notice of the sale of valuable lands in Stokes county on the 11th of April at 2 P. M. at the door of First National Bank, Salem.

Hendrix, the supposed wife murderer of Davie county, was tried before magistrate Bailey, at Mocksville, last week, and released for want of sufficient evidence.

"The Academy" a monthly journal, has been issued. It's a bright little publication and we have no doubt will be well sustained.

A new Saw Mill is to be erected near Clemmonsville, by several of our enterprising townsmen. Mr. Albert Walker will have charge of it.

For Sale.—A plantation of about 112 acres, with dwelling, stable, orchard, meadow, and within two miles of Winston. Enquire at the Salem Bookstore.

Fine Tobacco.—We were shown the other day a specimen of very fine tobacco, grown by Mr. Vance of Belews' Creek, this county, for which he has refused $15 per hundred in the barn.—Mr. V. has a large quantity of this superior grade of tobacco on hand, holding it until the market offers fairer prices.

Our Young Friend, G. R. Shultz, bid farewell to years of minority last Wednesday, and gave a brilliant party Thursday evening in honor thereof.—Many were there of the gay and beautiful to enjoy a good time and excellent refreshments. The wee small hours were fast approaching when the happy participants spoke the good-night parting.

The Lecture.—Rev. E. Rondthaler's lecture in the Chapel of Salem Female Academy, Friday night, of personal reminisces "Among the Alps," was not only truly eloquent but replete with vivid descriptions of the scenery of those world renowned mountains.

The proceeds amounted to $50 and the Club are very well pleased with the result.

From the Raleigh *Observer* comes the following: "Coroner B. F. Fraley, of Rowan County, came down the North Carolina Railroad yesterday. (Friday.) and brought with him the stomach of Mrs Hendrix of that county, to be analized by Prof. Leodoux, at Chapel Hill. It was supposed that Mrs. Hendrix was poisoned by her husband."

Coin Mould.—One day last week the hands employed by Mr. Wm. Detmar in spading up some ground at his residence on Elm Street, unearthed a portion of a half dollar coin mould.—The metal was a composition, and in point of manufacture and correct imitation, exceedingly well executed. It is supposed to have been the property of some lawless counterfeiter of the long ago.

Fresh trout only 25 cents a pair.

The Revenue Collections for February, in this district, amounted to $36,677.

Old Coin.—Mrs. Nicholas Williams has a twenty cent Spanish coin, dated 1708.

Thirty-two stills have been destroyed in Randolph County within the last three or four weeks.

Appointment.—Hon. Wm. M. Robbins has had appointed from this District, Willie T. Gray, of Winston, for the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The Colored District School at the Poor House closed Saturday, and a number of colored folks including the brass band attend the exhibition.

The Ladies are busily engaged in the soon to be beautifully arrayed and fragrant flower gardens. Nature generally rewards them richly for their labor.

The usual quiet of Waughtown was disturbed and fencing considerably damaged Saturday night, at the hands of unknown parties out for a little "fun."

Fence-Building seems to be a mania at present. A number of the citizens are fortifying their gardens and yards with palings against the invasion of mischievous cattle.

Personal.—We were pleased to receive a call from brother Pepper, of the *Danbury Reporter*, and learn that his paper is doing well. The *Reporter* is an ably conducted paper, and merits a liberal support.

Prime Clover Seed, Orchard and other Superior Grass Seeds for sale by
H. D. LOTT,
Salem, N. C.

Good Pig.—Mrs. Wurreschke under her personal management, raised a fine hog from a mere pig, about a month old, which she purchased about the first of April and fed till December 11, when it netted, at nine months old, 240 lbs.

William A. Mitchell, Esq., a prominent and highly respected citizen of Stokes County, died on the 8th inst., aged 81 years, 4 months, and 26 days. Mr. Mitchell represented Stokes County in the Legislature of 1842 and 1844, and served his county in various capacities to the satisfaction of all concerned.

"Music hath charms to sooth the savage breast," saith the poet; but could he hear that youth who nightly enlivens Salem's centre, in attempting to coax and coerce sweet sounds out of a brass horn, his idea would certainly have been of an entirely different character.

We notice a number of little folks choose as their play-ground the "Square," which is a very pleasant and convenient spot. We would, however, remind parents and those in charge, to warn children about playing too near the cistern, as the venturesome and thoughtlessness of some, might result in the drowning of one or more of these tender little buds.

Gardening is now under full headway, and the prospects for early vegetables are good. Care should be taken in hoeing the young plants when they appear, and the place to get a good hoe is at S. E. ALLEN'S Hardware Store, in Winston. He has a large supply, of all shapes and sizes, and is selling them low down, for cash. †

Chapel Hill.—Our Silver Cornet Band has been employed to furnish music at the Chapel Hill Commencement in June. The band attended the commencement exercises at the University last year, giving general satisfaction. They are in as good trim as ever, and we bespeak for them the same success.

While Dr. Ronsclenx's advertising show was going on in Winston, Saturday night, attempts were made to pelt the agent and his colored assistant with eggs. Unluckily, however, instead of the missiles hitting their intended mark, a number of citizens in the crowd were bedaubed with the hen fruit, which made them very wroth, as the prospect of soiled clothing, at other's amusement was any thing but pleasant.

Base Ball.—On Saturday last the 1st and 2nd nines of the I. X. L. base ball clubs played a full game of 9 innings in the field West of town. The game was a good one, lasting almost 4 hours, and resulting in a score of 35 to 32 in favor of the first nine.

Next Saturday afternoon another exciting game will be played and those of our towns who may desire to witness the sport are extended a hearty welcome by the club.

Mrs. T. B. Douthit announces a fresh supply of those beautiful and attractive Spring and Summer Millinery Goods. All the ladies are cordially invited to call and examine her stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.—The best articles for the least money Mrs. D., keeps. So the ladies say.

Sheep Killing Dogs.—David Zimmerman lost seven sheep on Thursday of last week by dogs.

Alfred Ebert had one sheep killed, two crippled, and the balance scattered the same night.

Tax the dogs.

The white frost which appeared these cool mornings, is not very bright for the prospect of an abundant fruit crop.

The soap vender and fire-eater vamoosed last week, leaving behind an unpaid hotel bill.

James E. Hall holds service at the Poor House, the first Sabbath of each month.

Elm shade trees are the first to put forth the green livery of Spring. The weeping willows are also very forward in budding.

Governor Vance has issued pardon for Jasper Hensley, confined in Yadkin county jail for a sentence of 12 months. He had served out six months of his term.

On the 17th of March last year we had a snow storm and on the 10th of April hail and the 17th another snow storm. This year the fruit trees and flowers are in full bloom at present date.

We were shown a pamphlet the other day containing a treatment of Intermitent fevers by C. W. Null, M. D., formerly of this place, occupying now a position with the faculty, of Louisville (Ky.,) Medical College.

Potatoes.—Extra Early Vermont and Early Rose Potatoes. The best early potatoes. For sale by
H. D. LOTT,
Salem, N. C.

Mr. A. B. Gorrell it is who furnishes us a correct weekly report of the Winston Tobacco Market.

Pounding. — Rev. W. W. Albea and lady, of Winston, had a pound party given them on Tuesday, by a number of their much esteemed friends, which was a pleasant occasion and much appreciated by the honored couple.

Mr. I. W. Durham, the skilled workman and proprietor of the Marble Works inserts a new ad. Read it, and should you desire anything in his line call and examine price lists and designs. He is a clever and obliging gentleman and believes in printer's ink.

Supreme Court. — Paul Crutchfield vs. Richmond and Danville Railroad, tried at Fall Term 1877, of Davie County Superior Court, for permanent injuries received while uncoupling the cars at Salem, and was allowed damages of $650, from which an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, that body deciding the case in error and granted a new trial.

In the organization of the Winston Military Company, a cordial invitation is extended to the young men of Salem to join with those of their sister town in the establishment of the same. Those feeling a desire to do so are requested to attend a meeting at Tobacco Association Hall, Friday evening at 8½ P. M., at which time, if a sufficient number are enrolled, the company will be organized.

BUIST'S FRESH GARDEN SEEDS.
PUREST IN THE MARKET.
Diploma of Honor awarded by the U. S. Centennial Commission for their Superiority and Purity.
5 cents a paper. For sale by
H. D. LOTT,
Salem, N. C.

A former citizen of this place, who now holds a prominent position in one of the Western Colleges, while yet among us, put to practice a novel, but wise expedient for the acquiring of self-information. He carried with him a pocket dictionary, and in course of daily conversation, should a word occur the meaning of which was not clearly understood by him, a search in the dictionary and note thereof, he says proved of great benefit to him. This is one way, boys, to the fundamental principles of self education.

Report reaches us of a murder near Yadkinville, Yadkin County, recently We give the facts as we heard them, withholding names on account of uncertainty.

A man, it seems, sent his little boy to mill with a turn of grain, and there being several ahead of him, was compelled to wait some time. Upon reaching home, his father, who was under the influence of liquor and very much enraged at the delay, met him as he came into the door, and dealt the child a severe blow in the breast, knocking him down. He then jumped upon him and mercilessly stamped him, from the effects of which the boy soon died. His body, upon examination, was found to be literally beaten into a jelly. The guilty one, report further says, has been arrested and lodged in jail.

Waughtown Items.

Our friend from Waughtown says:

James A. Swaim has a dog over 20 years old.

Wm. E. Spaugh has a pig nine weeks old weighing 40 pounds, gross. The Conny stock.

A gentleman from Winston was out to see how we would like his new fence, and left a sample. It saves rails.

A small party from town and vicinity starts West the 1st of April, pleasure being their principal object.

There are several dwellings in town that will undergo repairs this Summer, and one or two new dwellings will go up. Dick Brown bosses the jobs.

Nissen's Manufacturing Company has a substantial log cart, just out, named Corliss after the mammoth engine that was on exhibition at the centennial.

Gardening is all the go with the Ladies, and millet seems to interest the farmers.

The Railroad Tax.—Railroad tax, as follows, has been collected and paid over by the Sheriff to A. E. Conrad:

November, 5th, 1877,	$7,460.00
December 3 "	2,696.00
January 7th, 1878,	3,000.00
February 5th, "	1,425.75
February 13th, "	1,000.00
March 4th, "	1,667.00
In the hands of the Sheriff,	150.00
Total,	$17,309.18

The taxes, as will be seen, have been paid over by the Sheriff through the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, as fast as they have been collected. There is now only about $6,000 of this year's levy yet behind, and considering the great scarcity of money Sheriff Hill has collected this tax with much less trouble and distress to the people than could have been expected. No one would have collected it with as little hardship to the tax-payers as he has done, and our people have good cause to congratulate themselves that this tax is in the hands of a man who is disposed to be as lenient as the law will allow.—*Sentinel.*

Farmers, when you visit Winston, don't forget to go to S. E. ALLEN'S Hardware Store. You may there see some much needed article that you could find nowhere else. †

"German Syrup"

No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as Boschee's German Syrup. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed *free of charge* by Druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that German Syrup will cure them. The result has been that Druggists in every town and village of the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your Druggist, and ask what they know of it. Sample bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Three doses will relieve any case.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in Randolph County, by Rev. J. C. Patterson, Mr. C. W. Patterson, of Forsyth, to Miss Manirva Birkhead, of Randolph.

On the 5th inst., at Farmington, Davie County, at the residence of Dr. J. W. Wiseman, by Rev. M. Baldwin, Mr. R. W. Stroud, of Illinois, and Miss N. A. Wiseman.

"Domestic happiness thou only bliss
Of Paradise which has escaped the fall."

Federal Finances.

The Public Debt was decreased $2,250,237 in February, and $18,121,094 in the eight months ending February 28.—The coin balance after deducting coin certificates, coin held to redeem called bonds, and interest due and unpaid, is $70,847,485, of which $5,627,702 is in subsidiary silver coins, leaving the actual gold balance now in the Treasury, against which there are no current coin obligations, $65,219,783. Compared with the statement for January, this shows an increase of $3,470,788 in gold coin, and with the corresponding eight months of the preceding fiscal year, of about $46,000,000. During the month there was a reduction in legal tenders of $392,400, and in fractional currency, $281,221.

The Customs receipts for February were $10,372,852, a decrease of $788,622 compared with February, 1877.—The internal revenue receipts for last month were $7,195,815, a decrease compared with February, 1877, of $1,174,847. The total receipts reported for the eight months ending February 28th compared with the corresponding eight months of the last fiscal year, show a falling off of $5,074,365, of which deficiency over $4,000,000 were in internal revenue, about $100,000 in Customs, and about $900,000 in miscellaneous receipts. The expenditures for the last eight months were $16,746,879 less than for the corresponding eight months of the preceding fiscal year. For the eight months ending February 28, 1877, the total receipts were $178,090,708, and the total expenditures, exclusive of interest on public debt, $107,191,454, leaving a surplus for the eight months of $70,899,254. The total receipts reported for the eight months ending February 28, 1877, were $173,016,343, and the expenditures $91,441,475, leaving a surplus of $81,571,768.

Foreign commerce shows a steady increase in our favor. For the seven months ending January 31 our exports were valued at $622,167,514, an increase of $19,000,000 compared with the same seven months of the preceding year. During the same period imports amounted to $477,7 2,900, an increase of over $55,000,000 compared with the same seven months of the last fiscal year.

Raleigh Observer.

PUBLIC SALE.

By virtue of a certain mortgage deed executed to me, on the 15th day of December, 1876, by Raleigh Darnell and Mary Ann Darnell, his wife, I will sell at public auction for cash, at the door of the First National Bank of Salem, N. C., on Thursday, the 11th day of April next at 2 o'clock, P. M., a certain tract of land, containing 150 acres more or less, lying on Neatman Creek, in the county of Stokes, adjoining the lands of J. H. Carroll, S. B. Allen and others.

I. G. LASH.

March 18, 1878. tds.

I. W. DURHAM,

PRACTICAL

MARBLE-WORKER

AND DEALER IN

MONUMENTS

AND

GRAVESTONES.

WINSTON, N. C.

Write for Price List and Designs.

March 21—26-12—1 year.

THE MARKETS.

Bacon and Lard:	
Western Sides,	8 to 10
Country,	10½ to 12
Shoulders,	9 to 11
Hams,	11 to 13
Lard,	10 to 12
Grain:	
Corn,	00 to 50
Wheat,	$1 10 to 1 25
Oats,	40 to 00
Flour (per 100 lbs.)	2 75 to 3 00
Meal, " " "	1 50 to 1 75
Chops, " " "	1 50 to 1 75
Rice, Carolina,	10 to 12
Flax Seed per bush.,	1 60 to 0 00
Produce	
Apples, green,	75 to 000
Eggs,	10 to 00
Butter,	15 to 00
Feathers,	it to 50
Beeswax,	20 to 25
Potatoes, Sweet,	50 to 60
" Irish,	50 to 75
Hay,	40 to 50
Orchard Grass (per bushel)	3 25
Millet Seed (per lb.)	8

Winston Tobacco Market.

REPORTED BY A. B. GORRELL,
Dealer in Leaf Tobacco.
March 19th, 1878.

Lugs, Dark	$ 2 00 to $ 3 00
" Red	3 00 to 4 00
Bright Lugs, Common,	4 00 to 6 00
" " Good,	6 00 to 10 00
" " Fancy,	12 00 to 18 00
Red Leaf Common	3 00 to 4 50
" " Good	5 00 to 8 00
" " Fine	8 00 to 12 00
Dark Wrappers	10 00 to 15 00
Bright Wrappers, Common,	12 50 to 16 00
" " Medium,	16 00 to 20 00
" " Fine	20 00 to 30 00
" " Fancy	35 00 to 50 00
Mahogany Wrappers	18 00 to 45 00

According to quality.

CHARLOTTE, March 15.—Flour $3 per sack. Wheat $1 25 a $1 30. Corn 56c. Butter 15c. Eggs 8c.

FAYETTEVILLE, March 13.—Bacon 7c and 10c. Flour $5 a $5 75. Corn 70c a 75c. Wheat $1 25 a $1 40. Oats 55c a 60c.

No material change in the New York Baltimore, Richmond and other markets.

S. E. ALLEN,

WHOLESALE RETAIL DEALER IN

HARDWARE,

AND

HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS

HEADQUARTERS FOR

Iron,
Nails,
Stoves,
Window Glass,
Sash,
Blinds and Doors,

OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE,

WINSTON, N. C.

HAS ALSO A FULL LINE OF

ACORN COOKING

AND

HEATING STOVES.

GET THE BEST

ACORN WOOD COOK

AND

HEATER.

"SPARROWS IN THE SNOW,"

A

Neat & Pretty Little Pamphlet

containing this excellent poem by

John Henry Boner.

Price 25 Cents.

FOR SALE AT THE SALEM BOOKSTORE.

Dr. V. O. Thompson,

Druggist & Pharmaceutist,

Winston, N. C.

HAS THE **Oldest and Largest Drug House** in Winston. He is constantly increasing and improving his stock.

Goods are sold as cheap as any reliable house can sell.

Particular attention paid to compounding medicines.

Call on us before purchasing.

PAINTS, OILS & DYE-STUFFS

A SPECIALTY.

November 29, 1877. 12 mos.

BLACKSMITHING.

The under-igned has removed his Smith-shop to H. H. Manning's Carriage Factory, where he is prepared to do all kinds of

BLACKSMITH WORK.

He keeps on hand all kinds of **Steel Plows,**

Prices to suit the times.

A. E. GHERSH.

Salem, N. C., Jan. 18, 1878.—pd.2m.no.3.

SOMETHING NEW AND GOOD.

"Perfection Blend" of MOCHA and JAVA **COFFEE.** Not an adulterated ground Coffee, but the *choicest* COFFEE, exquisitely roasted and packed, whole, while warm, in a three pint air-tight fruit jar. All the aroma and strength retained! Consumers able to keep it in perfection until used.

FRUIT JARS SOLD AT COST.

For sale by

E. A. EBERT.

Salem, N. C., Feb. 1878.

J. R. PIERCE, P. H. HANES, BROWN.
Of Lash's Warehouse, Of P. H. Hanes & Co. Of Brown & Bro.

LEAF TOBACCO.

LASH'S WAREHOUSE,

1877. WINSTON, N. C. 1877.

Industry, Competition and Close Application to Business,

WITH A FIXED PURPOSE TO STAND BY THE FARMER'S INTEREST.

Having taken full control of LASH'S WAREHOUSE, we hope by STRICT PERSONAL ATTENTION TO BUSINESS, to merit a continuance of the liberal patronage this House has always enjoyed.

☞ We strive to please our patrons. COME AND SEE US when you visit Winston.

Your Friends,

PIERCE, HANES & BROWN.

December 6, 1877—6 mo.

NOTION & VARIETY STORE,

SOUTH SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE,

SALEM, N. C.

LADIES:

Anticipating a fine trade this season, we have bought largely, and now have the pleasure of inviting your attention to

AN ATTRACTIVE FALL AND WINTER STOCK

at prices surprisingly cheap.

A beautiful line of Galloon and Hercules Braids, Ball and other Worsted Fringes, so much in demand for Cloak and Dress Trimmings.

Newest styles in Buttons, Gloves, Hosiery, Ribbons, Laces, Neckwear, &c.

A full line of Zephyrs, Germantown and Shetland Wools always on hand.

Have just added to our Stock a nice line of Perfumeries, Hair Oils, &c.

We call particular attention to our beautiful line of Glass and Lava Ware, suitable for Christmas and Birthday presents *just received*, consisting of Toilet Sets, Vases, Card Stands, &c. Those at a distance will be amply repaid by a visit to our Store.

In the selection of Goods the interest of the customer is kept constantly in view, knowing that taking care of those who buy of us is equivalent to taking care of ourselves, that is, winning our customers' confidence and their continued patronage.

Respectfully,

Nov. 29. tf. **J. BLICKENDERFER.**

M. W. NORFLEET, T. L. VAUGHN

PIEDMONT WAREHOUSE,

FOR THE

SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO,

WINSTON, N. C.

The Largest and Best Lighted House in the State.

NORFLEET & VAUGHN.

November 29, 1877. 6 mos.

A NEW STOCK OF

Spring and Summer Goods

AT MRS. DOUTHIT'S.

SPRING AND SUMMER, 1878.

HAVING OPENED A NEW AND SPLENDID ASSORTMENT of Goods in my line, I offer them at such prices as bring them within the means of all to purchase the LATEST STYLES of NEW SPRING AND SUMMER HATS AND BONNETS, SASHES, RIBBONS, FRENCH AND AMERICAN FLOWERS, LACES and EDGINGS, RUFFS AND RUFFLING. A large assortment of

LADIES' TIES, LINEN AND LACE COLLARS,
KID & BERLIN GLOVES, BRAIDS & SWITCHES, HOSIERY & CORSETS,

NOTIONS,

COLGATE'S FINE TOILET SOAPS, and many other articles in my line.

JET JEWELRY and NECKLACES, the latest and most beautiful styles just received.

Mrs. Douthit returns thanks for the very liberal encouragement received, and hopes to be able to please her friends and the public, in future.

Salem, N. C., Oct. 25th, 1877.

This standard article is compounded with the greatest care.

Its effects are as wonderful and as satisfactory as ever.

It restores gray or faded hair to its youthful color.

It removes all eruptions, itching and dandruff. It gives the head a cooling, soothing sensation of great comfort, and the scalp by its use becomes white and clean.

By its tonic properties it restores the capillary glands to their normal vigor, preventing baldness, and making the hair grow thick and strong.

As a dressing, nothing has been found so effectual or desirable.

A. A. Hayes, M.D., State Assayer of Massachusetts, says, "The constituents are pure, and carefully selected for excellent quality; and I consider it the Best Preparation for its intended purposes."

Price, One Dollar.

Buckingham's Dye

FOR THE WHISKERS.

This elegant preparation may be relied on to change the color of the beard from gray or any other undesirable shade, to brown or black, at discretion. It is easily applied, being in one preparation, and quickly and effectually produces a permanent color, which will neither rub nor wash off.

Manufactured by R. P. HALL & CO.,
NASHUA, N.H.
Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

WE ARE NOW RECEIVING OUR

SPRING STOCK,

and offer to our friends the newest and most fashionable

STYLES OF DRESS GOODS,

PRINTS, FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS, HOSIERY, TABLE LINENS, &c., &c., &c.

Zeigler's fine

SHOES

for Ladies and Children.

And many other fresh and useful goods at greatly reduced prices.

PATTERSON & CO.

Salem, N. C., March 12, 1878.

NOTICE.

ON or about the 27th day of February, 1878, Robert White, a bound boy, left my premises, in the town of Salem, N. C. I hereby forbid all persons from harboring, trading with or keeping said boy, under penalty of the law. I will pay five cents reward to any one that will return him to me at Salem, N. C. W. H. HALL.

March 14, 1878.-3t.

PUBLIC SALE.

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 1878, will be sold to the highest bidder, on the premises, the house and lot No. 7, Church Street, Salem, N. C. The lot has a front of 145 feet and a depth of 523 feet. Also 1 second-hand Carriage, 1 Sofa, and various other articles of household furniture.

Conditions made known on day of sale. Sale to begin at 1 P. M.

E. A. De SCHWEINITZ.

Salem, N. C., March 11, 1878.

JOB PRINTING of

all descriptions executed with neatness and dispatch at the Press Office.

CHROMOS Cheap, Cheaper, Cheapest At the BOOKSTORE.

POETRY.

The Months in Rhyme.

January brings the snow,
Makes our feet and fingers glow.

February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen lake again.

March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodill.

April brings the primrose sweet;
Scatters violets at our feet.

May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Skipping by their fleecy dams.

June brings tulips, lillies, roses,
Fills the children's hands with posies.

Hot July brings cooling showers,
Apricots and gilli-flowers.

August brings the sheaves of corn,
Then the harvest home is borne.

Warm September brings the fruit,
Sportsmen then begin to shoot.

Fresh October brings the pheasant,
Then to gather nuts is pleasant.

Dull November brings the blast.
And the leaves are whirling fast.

Chill December brings the sleet,
Blazing fires, and Christmas treat

HUMOROUS.

What Has Made the South Poor.

Old Si came in late yesterday morning and by way of explanation said:

'Bin down dar tryin' ter wake up dat red-headed young man dat preockerpies dat desk ober dar!'

'Well, perhaps he was up late last night?'

'No, sah, 'kase he lef' yearly las' night an' his new shoes was outside de do' when I went home 'fore de clock beginned countin' ober agin.'

'Perhaps he was overworked yesterday?'

'May be dat he wuz, but hit 'pears ter me dat he's flicktid wid de same complaint dat's made de Souf po' eber since de wah.'

'How is that?'

'Well, I'se been notissin dat de white folkes sense de wah don't hab haf ez much time ter wurk in az dey used ter'

'And why?

'Kase 'fore de wah de white folkes nebber riz tell de roosters crowd.—Now, wid so menny loose niggers in de land, roosters is pow'ful skase, an' when er white man res' onder de 'lusion dat day don't break tell somethin' hallers he's lierbul ter lose de ten 'clock trane ebery day in de yeah?'

And the old man seized the pitcher and went for fresh water.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

Watching One's Self.

'When I was a boy,' said an old man, 'we had a schoolmaster who had an odd way of catching the idle boys. One day he called out to us: 'Boys I must have closer attention to your books. The first one that sees another idle I want him to inform me, and I will attend to the case.'

Ah! thought I to myself, there is Joe Simmons that I don't like much. I'll watch him, an if I see him look off his book, I'll tell.

It was not long before I saw Joe look off his book, and immediately I informed the master.'

'Indeed!' said he, 'how did you know he was idle?'

'I saw him,' said I.

'You did? And were your eyes on you book when you saw him?'

I was caught, and never watched for idle boys again.

If we are sufficiently watchful over our own conduct, we will have no time to find fault with the conduct of others.

'What has Christianity ever done for man?' demanded Bob Ingersoll, as he was riding some years ago on a railroad train. 'It has prevented Mr. Ingersoll from being Governor of Illinois,' responded a quiet lady in the neighborhood of that intensely bigotted infidel.

'Ten dimes make one dollar,' said the schoolmaster. 'Now go on, sir. Ten dollars make one—what?' 'They make one mighty glad, those times,' replied the boy, and the teacher, who hadn't got his last month's salary yet, concluded the boy was about right.

In ancient days the precept was, 'Know thyself.' In modern times it has been supplanted by the far more fashionable maxim, 'Know thy neighbor and everything about him.'

A Harrisburg paper, answering a correspondent on a question of etiquette, says: 'When a gentleman and lady are walking upon the street, the lady should walk inside of the gentleman.'

They usually omit "When I can read my title clear." when the family sing hymns together on Saturday evening at the White House. It is done out of respect to Rutherford's feelings.

AGRICULTURAL.

[From the Husbandman]

The Future of Farming.

We look forward upon the farming interests of this country with great hope and firm belief that the future is full of encouragement. It seems to us that the present condition of business affairs will tend to the permanent good of rural pursuits. Farming was too slow and commonplace to satisfy the craving for wealth which was engendered by the stock gambling, railroad building, stealing times of the past. The security to the farmer's position was lost sight of. The lack of opportunity for speculation was sufficient excuse for abandoning the pursuit. Many men who left good farms, where they were living comfortably and saving money, would now consider themselves fortunate indeed if they could be placed back in the position which they deserted; and those who have no practical knowledge of farming, who have been content in flush and prosperous times with city life and business, are asking "how can I establish myself upon a farm?" Farmers and farmers' sons have been making rash ventures in exchanging farming for city pursuits; and now it looks as if the table was turning, and city-bred people would be seeking country-life to make still greater failures, perhaps, than have been made by farmers who have given up their business. Still, this tendency is encouraging to us. It bespeaks more and better attention to the business of agriculture. It assures us that farming will be held in higher repute; that the farmer will attain a more honorable position among his fellows, and that his business will secure the recognition which has been denied it.

The rascalities in political management, the burdens which have been placed upon the people by the corrupt servants, will reflect discredit on the classes for which these servants have been for the most part chosen, and the political influence of the farming classes will be greatly augmented.

Our great agricultural interests have suffered because our legislatures have lacked a knowledge of our wants, and have been engaged in fostering schemes quite inconsonant with our best interests. The great agricultural, government-supporting class of the people has not been represented, while the making of our laws and management of public affairs have been intrusted almost exclusively to members of the legal profession which has but slight pecuniary interest at stake. An economical administration of affairs is of small consequence to them. They are more directly interested in making their political venture pay better than the legitimate prosecution of their profession.

As a business, we believe farming will be held in higher reputation, and farmers will be awarded a more influential position. In shaping the legislation of the country he will wield a power more in proportion to the interests he has at stake, and in many other ways agriculture will grow in honor and increase in recognized importance.

The Yard and Walks.

We passed a farmer's home the other day and had we wanted to visit his family would have been obliged to wade through mud several inches deep in order to have reached his house. There are very few localities where there is any excuse for such a condition of things. True, very little can be done now to better the matter, but when Spring comes, see that the door-yard is sown in grass or laid with sod and that good gravel or plank walks are put down. It is such little improvements as these, costing but a trifle beyond the time consumed in making them that will render the home cheerful and bright. No wonder the housewife is continually "out of sorts" when day after day the men folks carry mud and dirt into her lately swept rooms. The woman who can retain her equilibrium under such circumstances, is too pure for this sinful earth. Fathers, one of the ways to make mothers cheerfull and happy is to provide good walks and a cheerful door-yards. These are what she has to look out upon, and what she has to do with, and if these be dreary and bad, how can she be bright and even-tempered?

MINERAL STATISTICS OF NORTH CAROLINA.—We perceive by a memorial from the Sixth Congressional District of North Carolina, now lying on the desks of Representatives and Senators from that State, accompanied by a little pamphlet detailing the characteristics of the mineral districts of the State, that the gold-producing area of North Carolina covers about 12,000 square miles, containing 140 mines already more or less developed; also containing large coal, iron and copper areas. The yield of gold from these mines up to June 30th, 1877, was $10,370,492. The memorialists ask attention to the accompanying statistics prepared by Colonel Jones, editor of the Charlotte *Observer*, and the appointment of a commissioner to visit the mineral regions and report his observations and to make such suggestions as to him may seem proper.

Mr. Mackey, the California millionaire, who has been making such a figure in Paris, has bought the superb mansion or palace lately built in London by Mr. Albert Grant, commonly known as Baron Grant, and Mrs. and Miss Mackey will soon transfer their grandeur to the British capital.

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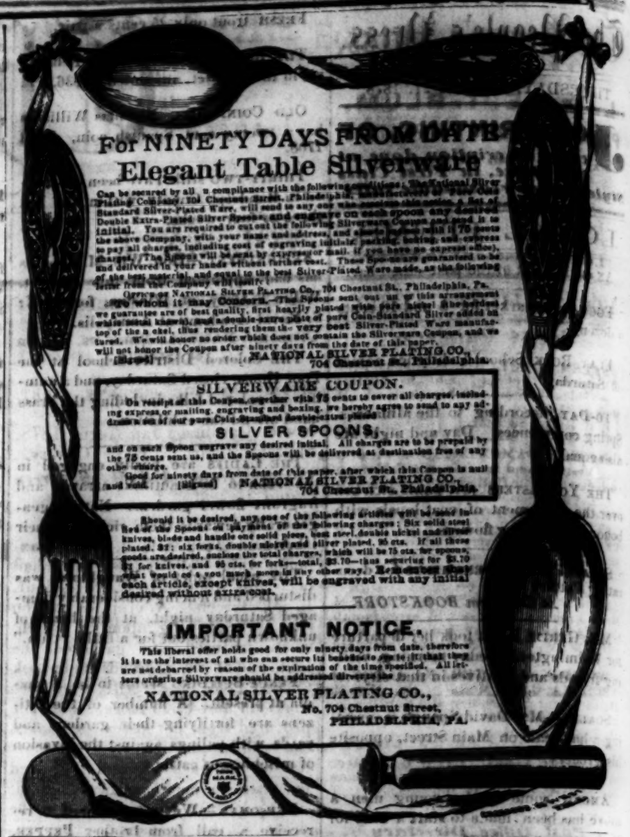

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